

EXPRESS TERMS
Title 13, Division 1, Chapter 1
Article 3.1. Special Interest License Plates

§ 181.00. Foreign Organization License Plates.

(a) Officers and designated employees of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) are eligible for exemption from ~~registration fees~~ vehicle license fees and are entitled to apply for special Foreign Organization license plates. The American Institute in Taiwan, located in Arlington, Virginia, shall be authorized to verify the official status of these officers and employees and notify the department.

(1) The notification shall be in writing and shall include the officer's or employee's name, official status, and the date the officer's or employee's appointment is approved.

(b) Upon successful completion of the application process by a TECO officer or designated employee, the department shall grant exemption from ~~registration fees~~ vehicle license fees and issue a special Foreign Organization license plate bearing the words, "Foreign Organization," for a vehicle owned or leased by the officer or employee.

(c) The TECO officer or designated employee shall apply to the department for ~~registration~~ vehicle license fee exemption and special Foreign Organization license plates by doing the following for each vehicle owned or leased by the officer or employee:

(1) Complete and present to the department in person or by mail the following portions of Miscellaneous Certifications, Form REG 256A (Rev. 2/2007), provided by the department, which shall contain the following information:

(A) The vehicle identification number; license plate number; vehicle make and year.

(B) An indication that the vehicle is exempt from ~~registration~~ licensing fees because the registered owner is an officer or designated employee of TECO (Part B).

(C) A certification, signed and dated by the applicant under penalty of perjury, that the information on the form is true and correct (Part F).

(D) The daytime telephone number of the applicant (Part F).

(2) Provide the Certificate of Title or bill of sale for an original/nonresident vehicle.

(3) Provide a photocopy of the Tax Exemption Card (BT 111) issued by the California State Board of Equalization and an identification card issued by the Department of State.

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- (4) If applicable, surrender the current state or country license plates, or sign a statement of facts certifying the plates will be destroyed and disposed of in a manner which renders them useless.
- (5) Provide a certificate of compliance as specified in Vehicle Code section 4000.1.
- (d) The department shall refund any ~~registration fees~~ vehicle license fees previously paid on the vehicle by a TECO officer or designated employee for the period after the official approval date of appointment specified pursuant to subdivision (a)(1).
- (e) The ~~registration fee~~ vehicle license fee exemption does not apply to duplicate certificates or substitute license plates. A TECO officer or designated employee shall be required to pay the fees specified in Vehicle Code sections 4850(c) and 9265 when applying for duplicate certificates and substitute license plates.
- (f) Registration of the vehicle owned or leased by a TECO officer or designated employee expires on December 31 of each year.
- (g) If a TECO officer or designated employee transfers ownership of a vehicle to another person, the TECO officer or employee shall remove the Foreign Organization plates from the vehicle on the effective date of the transfer and shall surrender the plates to the department within 60 days of transfer of ownership.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 1651 and 5006.5, Vehicle Code. Reference: Sections 1652 and 5006.5, Vehicle Code; and Sections 10781 and 10901, Revenue and Taxation Code.